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As we watch the demise of locally-owned stores within a 30-mile radius of a new Wal-Mart Super Center, our biggest wonder is, whatever happened to the trust-buster heroes of America? Wealth and control is being concentrated into fewer and fewer hands - Energy, Telecommunications, Transportation, Commerce, BANKING....The octopus of avarice seems to be back and to have no bounds. This is the result of deregulation. It is a very un-American trend that we know leads to the rich becoming richer and the poor becoming slaves.

Our tradition is equality and a level playing field for fair competition. It is time to re-regulate these industries. Wal-Mart has a very unsavoury reputation for penny-pinching, outsourcing jobs abroad, and worker discriminations. We can see no reason to reward them with yet another industry to destroy. Please stop Wal-Mart from taking over like it is its own totalitarian state. We are extremely concerned with its detrimental influence which is compounded by its truly vast size.

Please realize that this is a major concern of Americans, and take action to arrest this expansion of an already grossly bloated company.

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